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Sir:

This Amendment is in response to the Office Action dated July 12, 2002. Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 14-16.

Please amend claims 13 and 17-19 as follows:

13. (Amended) A disc drive comprising an actuator with a machined external peripheral surface extending along an entire periphery of the actuator and comprising a desired profile dimension entirely defined by the machined external peripheral surface.

17. (Amended) The disc drive of claim 13 wherein the machined external peripheral surface of the actuator has a tolerance of less than 0.010 inches relative to the desired profile dimension.